

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STÓ:LŌ NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Liturgy: ELW Setting 10

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

L: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

C: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

L: Worship the Lord in holy splendour.

C: Tremble before God, all the Earth.

L: May the humble seek the living God.

C: God's goodness and mercy sustain the faithful in times of trial.

L: O give thanks to God, who calls us here.

C: We will sing of God's glorious deeds.

L: O listen for God's wisdom, that speaks to us now.

C: We will listen for inspiration and truth.

L: O worship our God, who is holy and just.

C: We will worship God with honour and praise.

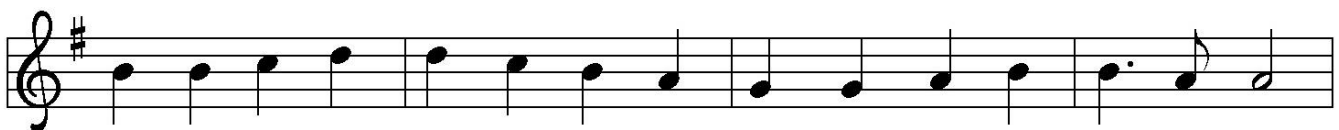
Gathering Song ELW # 521 – O Day of Rest and Gladness

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise – Glory to God in Heaven



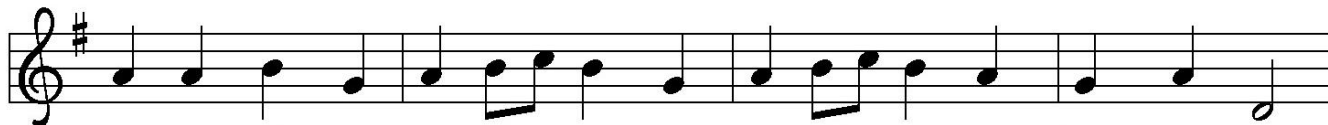
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Time

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name,
 I surname you, though you do not know me.
 I am the Lord, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the Lord, and there is no other.
 I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the Lord do all these things.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-13

Refrain:

Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives light to our days.

Man - y are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

L: O sing to the Lord a new song;
 sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
 tell of his salvation from day to day.
 Declare his glory among the nations,
 his marvellous works among all the peoples.

C: **Refrain**

L: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
 he is to be revered above all gods.
 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
 but the Lord made the heavens.
 Honour and majesty are before him;
 strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

C: **Refrain**

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
 bring an offering, and come into his courts.
 Worship the Lord in holy splendour;
 tremble before him, all the earth.

C: **Refrain**

L: Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!
 The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with equity.
 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
 let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 let the field exult, and everything in it.
 Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
 before the Lord; for he is coming,
 for he is coming to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world with righteousness,
 and the peoples with his truth.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Text: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon read by Peter Schuler

Hymn of the Day ELW # 686 – We Give Thee But Thine Own

Response to the Word

We respond to God's grace with expressions of generosity and thanksgiving

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

(Ephesians 1:13-14)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

and the life everlasting. Amen

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

(Jude 20)

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Jude 21)

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace.

(2 Corinthians 13:11)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God,

C: **in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from
idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the church through all the ages
we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayers of the People

*After each petition, the leader will say "God of grace" and the congregation will respond "**hear our prayer.**"*

Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn ELW # 534 – Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 18, 2026

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select *Open Hyperlink or Control-Click*)

Flowers are placed on the altar in praise to God. Knowing we are created in God's image for God's purpose, we humbly offer ourselves in God's service for the sake of the world as we gather today for worship.

Thank You! We extend a sincere **Thank You** to Kris Mathiasen who is leading us in worship today as Pastor Eric and Jerry Nieman are attending the Synod Council Meeting in Vernon this weekend. Please pray for the meeting – for safe travels, fruitful dialogue and spirit-led outcomes.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Food Bank will continue **until Sunday, October 25th**. Please donate often. Consult the information above the bins for preferred items.

National Worship Service to Celebrate the ELCIC's 40th Anniversary: In celebration of our church's 40th Anniversary, there will be a special worship service from Saskatchewan next Sunday, October 25 at 9 am our time. For the link to join click [here](#). As well, we will be showing the live-stream here at Good Shepherd that morning before our regular service. All are welcome to come early and view it together. Note that Bible Study will be cancelled that morning.

SAVE THE DATE: Presentation by Hope for Freedom Organization: On **Tuesday, November 10th at 1 pm** the Good Shepherd Women's Group invited the *Hope for Freedom Organization* - a non-profit organization serving the Tri-Cities homeless community through outreach services, advocacy and addiction recovery - to give a short talk on what they do, and how, and provide a Q&A time as well. This will be followed by refreshments and any congregant who has an interest in hearing about this organization is welcome to attend this informative presentation. At the conclusion of the refreshment period, the Good Shepherd Women's Group will hold their Annual General Meeting.

Continuing the work of the Season of Creation: Although our celebration of the Season of Creation has concluded. Our call to care for creation continues. Please keep our friends of creation challenge in mind and continue to contribute by donating [here](#).

Advent Banquet Planning: We are considering the idea of returning to holding a congregational potluck *Advent Banquet* on **Sunday, December 6th** as we enter the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. If we can get a sufficient number of people willing to help out with the set-up and clean-up of this event, then we will go ahead with planning this event. If our numbers of helpers are insufficient, we will pivot to our Christmas Sing-Along (which we've held over the past couple of years) which requires less helpers.

Gloria Dei's 65th Anniversary Celebration Service: All are invited to join Gloria Dei's 65th Anniversary Festival Service on Sunday, October 25th at 11 am. The reception is full, but the service is available for anyone interested in attending. Bishop Kathy Martin will be the Guest Preacher. See the poster that follows.

Langley Christmas Choir: All are invited to join the Langley Christmas Choir, a community choir directed by Gail Suderman, who is the Music Director at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Langley. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Job Opportunity – Youth Minister: ignyte, the joint youth ministry of Good Shepherd and St. Laurence Anglican, is looking to hire a new leader. This is a role for someone who loves working with young people, thrives on genuine relationships, and is ready to build something meaningful in partnership with a community poised for growth. To see more details, click on the ignYte page on our website [here](#).

Seeking Accommodation: Yvon Malenfant and Michelle Ryu are seeking temporary housing. If you have any, or know of any, please let them know. Yvon writes:

We are looking for temporary housing for the interim. 1 bedroom with a bathroom would be great! Something not too expensive. Let us know if you have anything. Thank you for your kind consideration. Yvon & Michelle: 778-862-5240 Y / 778-863-5240 M

'Every Square Foot Counts' – Educational Opportunities for Congregations:

- This month's blog post is "**What the Quiet Season Is Asking of Us**" which invites congregations to reflect on how their buildings and land they sit on are seen and understood by their neighbourhoods. Read the full blog [here](#).

ignYte Return it Express Account: You're invited to support our ignYte Youth Ministry with your recyclables. See the instructions on the bulletin board.



CLAY 2027 "Safe Harbour": The next *Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth* (CLAY) gathering will take place in Nanaimo from **August 19-22, 2027**. There is still an opportunity to help out if you have the time and energy. Deacon Gretchen Peterson is hosting **coffee chats for leaders on October 18 and November 15, 4:00 p.m. Saskatchewan time**. Please register when you [click here](#).

ITEMS FROM THE ELCIC NATIONAL OFFICE:

- **Messages and Statements from the National Bishop:** Stay informed and connected by clicking [here](#).
- **Resources from the National Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA):** Click [here](#) for resources.
- **Grace at the table:** A recording of the recent online event which shared personal stories, lived experiences, and perspectives on abilities, inclusion and belonging is available [here](#).

GREATER CHURCH NEWS

- **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism:** The 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism initiative of The United Church of Canada offers tools and resources to help you and your community carry or unfold conversations around racism. To see the videos and for more information, please [click here](#).
- **Panel Discussion: Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?** Gloria Dei Lutheran Church together with Lynn Valley United Church is hosting a Panel Discussion on **November 14 at 3:00pm** - "Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?" For more information, and to register, please click [here](#).
- **Postcards from the Public: Welcoming Refugees and Migrants:** Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) invites its members and supporters to take action in support of refugees and migrants and to affirm Canada's tradition of being a welcoming nation through its Postcards from the Public. To learn more about this initiative and access resources from CPJ, please [click here](#).
- **Monthly Reflections on Climate Justice:** The Task Force on Carbon Neutrality provides monthly reflections on climate justice to encourage engagement, share resources and call for prayer, reflection and learning. *Biblical Passages Related to Climate Change and Carbon Neutrality* and *Community Focused Environmental Stewardship* are monthly reflections that you can read today by [clicking here](#).

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been designated a fragrance-free zone. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

This Week At Church

This Sunday **Bible Study cancelled**

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time worship service with Sunday School at 10:30 am (view it [here](#)) **Holy Communion not served**

Pumpkin Carving: Regional Youth Event from 12:30-3pm at St. Stephen's

Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am

Wednesday *Prayer Gathering* at 1:30 pm over Zoom

Thursday *Happy Hour over Zoom* at 4 pm

Next Sunday **Bible Study cancelled**

Viewing of National Anniversary Worship Service at 9 am

Reformation Sunday worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am
(view it [here](#))

Movie Night at 4 pm. See Peter for more details.

Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted "on Zoom" or "Online". The links to these online events are accessible through our website. Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over, unless otherwise noted.

Last Week at Church

Bob is away now for 5 weeks.
Weekly financial information will
be provided upon his return.
Thank you for your patience.





Friends of Creation *Milestones*

Stay tuned each week,
and watch our donations
grow here!!

Our Friends of Creation journey so far

- ☒ Climate + Water
- ☐ Climate + Food
- ☐ Climate + Economy
- ☐ Climate + Peace
- ☒ Put faith in action *yes!*
- ☐ Reached goal
towards _____ acres!

\$ 5,000.00 !

\$ 3,750.00

\$2,500.00

\$1,250.00

At October 14
NOW \$2,800!



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GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



65th
Anniversary

FESTIVAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

11:00 AM

followed by a catered lunch and program.

1110 Gladwin Drive, North Vancouver, BC

Guest Speaker:
National Bishop
Susan Johnson
(retired)

Guest Preacher:
Bishop Kathy Martin

Gloria Dei writes: Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for the Festival Service.

Unfortunately, the anniversary lunch is a ticketed event, and as we have now reached capacity, we are unable to accommodate walk-ins.



Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church together with Lynn Valley United Church is hosting a Panel Discussion on **November 14 at 3:00pm** - "Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?"

For more information, and to register, please click [here](#).



Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?

November 14, 3:00pm



Rabbi Laura Duhan-Kaplan



Shadia Qubti



Ron Dart

Join Lynn Valley United Church and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for a truly eye-opening panel exploring the complex intersection of faith, politics, history, justice, and peace. Hosted at Lynn Valley United Church, this event will prompt attendees to ask, in a time of deep polarization, how can Christians move beyond slogans and engage in the realities of Palestine and Israel with humility, compassion, and courage?

Learn more and register now:

3201 Mountain Highway, North Vancouver
www.lynnvalleychurch.com



Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

We always recommend phoning before stopping by.



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